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REMARKS

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the courtesy and helpfulness that were extended during the recent telephone interview held with a member of the applicants' representative firm, to discuss and address the Examiner's proposed claim amendments.

The Claims

Claims 1-5 and 10 are currently pending in this application. Claims 1-4 have been amended. No new matter is being hereby introduced.

Claim 1 has been amended to replace the term "comprising" with the phrase "consisting essentially of," as suggested by the Examiner. Furthermore, as suggested by the Examiner, claim 1 be amended for clarity to read "A prostaglandin F2 receptor antagonist."

Claim 2 has been amended to replace the phrase "at least about 75% homology" with "about 88% homology" since one amino acid changed in an eight amino acid peptide gives peptides 88% homologous to the native peptide.

Claims 3 and 4 have been amended to be directed to methods for "reducing the occurrence of," as suggested by the Examiner. Support for hampering uterine contractions and for reducing pain associated with contractions may be found in the instant specification at page 5, lines 32-33 and at page 6, lines 7-9, respectively.

Applicants respectfully submit that these amendments do not constitute new matter and respectfully request entry thereof.

It is submitted, therefore, that claims 1 - 5 and 10 are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the Examiner's rejections is respectfully requested. Allowance of claims 1 - 5 and 10 at an early date is respectfully solicited.

AUTHORIZATION

No additional fees are believed to be necessitated by this amendment. However, should this be an error, authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit

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Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 2861-4003 for any underpayment or to credit any overpayment.

In the event that there are any questions concerning this amendment or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned so that prosecution of this application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,
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